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AND
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE SECRETARY
KINSHASA, ZAIRE
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COMMISSIONER NGUZA:

Mr. Secretary and dear friends:

A few months ago you were in Zaire within the framework of a visit of friendship that you were making in a number of African countries. Here you are again today on another visit, a visit of a very special nature. In Zaire we believe that you are carrying out a mission of peace and goodwill and any man who loves peace and justice will acknowledge that you are engaged on a noble mission.

It is in this spirit that we welcome you and that I am entrusted by the President, founder of the Party of the Revolution, and President of the Republic and by the Executive Council as well, to welcome you most warmly in Zaire, this hospitable African land and to express our friendship to you because we welcome not only the Secretary of State of the United States, but a personal friend of our President and our country.

SECRETARY KISSINGER:

Mr. Foreign Minister, it is a great pleasure for me to be here among my friends in Zaire. I have undertaken this journey in order to contribute whatever the United States can for peace in southern Africa and to contribute to the bringing of progress and justice to this area. There is no country whose views mean more to us in this respect, no country which has a greater stake in these efforts than Zaire, and I therefore look forward to my talks with our friends, the President and the Foreign Minister. While in Zaire I will also have the opportunity to stress again America's interest in the security and well-being and economic progress of this country with which we have been closely linked since its independence and especially in recent years. So I thank you, Mr. Foreign Minister, for your very warm welcome and I look forward to my stay which is all too brief in your country.

Thank you.

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